

HOUSE RESOLUTION 212

By Doggett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dennis "Gabby" Russell of Giles County Fire Rescue on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Dennis "Gabby" Russell is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for thirty-five years as a member of Giles County Fire Rescue and will take his much-deserved retirement on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Russell began his service to the citizens of Giles County in 1987 as a firefighter and rescue technician; he has served out of the Pulaski Station of Giles County Fire Rescue throughout the entirety of his career; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure, Mr. Russell has held the positions of firefighter, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, and fire chief; for much of his career, he has been an emergency vehicle operation instructor, in which capacity he has been personally responsible for countless classes ensuring members operate emergency vehicles safely; and

WHEREAS, he has also been an emergency vehicle extrication technician throughout most of his career; his legacy includes the effective and efficient training of nearly every member of the Giles County Fire Rescue, and his influence can be seen on nearly every incident to which the department responds; and

WHEREAS, known as the "go-to fix-it guy" who could repair anything, Dennis Russell was nominated and approved as a Lifetime Member of the Giles County Fire Rescue in 2021; he has been and will always be a core member of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service, Dennis Russell has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his fellow firefighters and the residents of Giles County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Dennis "Gabby" Russell of Giles County Fire Rescue our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.